

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 3, line 12 of the specification as follows:

~~The member may be formed from a generally non-porous material.~~ The member may include a wound contacting layer, or wound contactable layer, having channels formed therein and a cover coupled to the wound contacting layer to cooperate with the channels of the wound contacting layer to define a set of passageways.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 20 as follows:

A vacuum bandage 10 is provided for use with a wound 12 having a wound surface 13, shown in Fig. 2. Vacuum bandage 10 includes a thin, flexible wound dressing member 19 having upper peripheral discrete access openings (including discrete access channels 62 and discrete access holes 64) to allow member 19 to communicate with the wound surface 13 of wound 12 and with undermined portions 15 of wound 12. Member 19 includes a wound contacting layer, or wound contactable layer, 20 and a cover 22 coupled to the layer 20. Cover 22 is smaller than layer 20 to create access channels 62, as shown in Fig. 4. Member 19 also includes a connector 23 coupled to cover 22 for communication with vacuum source 14 and/or irrigation source 16. Bandage 10 further includes a sealing layer film, or outer cover 50 to be placed over member 19 and wound 12 to seal about the wound 12 to a patient's healthy skin 52 to create a sealed environment between wound surface 13 and outer cover 50.